

January 19, 2010

Suite 101 1321 SE 25th Loop Ocala, Florida 34471

Mr. William F. "Bill" Stevens, Jr., P.E. Sumter County Public Works 319 East Anderson Avenue Bushnell, Florida 33513

Re: CR 44A Speed Limit; Sumter County, Florida KHA Project Number 040380022

Dear Bill:

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is pleased to provide you with this letter in support of the proposed speed limit for CR 44A, from CR 139 to Buena Vista Boulevard. This section of CR 44A is currently a two-lane undivided rural road section with a posted speed limit of 45 mph. This roadway is being widened to a four-lane divided urban section, consistent with other roads in The Villages.

As part of the road widening, the speed limit through this section is proposed to be posted at 35 mph. This speed limit is consistent with other similar roadways in The Villages. This section of road is expected to have greater volumes of traffic turning on and off, and therefore it is desired to have a more controlled speed than what is currently posted. Furthermore, the current rural roadway section is being updated to an urban curb section that will change the travel characteristics and driver expectation. A 35 mph speed limit is appropriate for this type of roadway configuration.

We have included an attachment that shows the proposed roadway widening and expected surrounding development overlaid on an existing aerial map. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

Jonathan D. Thigpen, PE

Vice President

Attachment

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